GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2543
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
TICKETLESS TRAVELLERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of travellers apprehended travelling without tickets in trains and the estimated loss suffered by the Railways during the last six months, till date, zone-wise;

(b) the total amount recovered/collected as penalty from the ticketless travellers during the said period, zone-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering to check entry in Railway platforms with proper ticket in all important Railway Stations to check ticketless travel in trains;

(d) whether the Railways propose to increase frequent surprise check in different local and express trains to stop ticketless travel; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the other plans of the Railways to control ticketless travel in trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached. However, loss suffered by the Railways on account of ticketless travel is not quantifiable.

(c): System already exists for manning of various gates to curb entry of unauthorised passengers in Railway platforms.

(d) & (e): Apart from routine checks, special drives are conducted regularly by the Railways against ticketless travel by identifying the trains as well as sections prone to more ticketless travel. As one of the measures to check ticketless/irregular travel in trains, the minimum penalty in respect of ticketless/irregular travel has been increased to Rs.250/- from Rs.50/- with effect from 1.7.2004. The persons apprehended travelling without ticket/with improper ticket are dealt with as per law.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) & (B) OF THE UNSTARED QUESTION NO.2543 BY SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY AND SHRI TUKARAM GANGADHAR GADAKH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2004 REGARDING TICKETLESS TRAVELLERS.

Railway	No. of travellers apprehended travelling unauthorisedly in trains (In lakhs) (April,04 to September, 04)	The total amount recovered/collected as fare and penalty from the unauthorised travellers (In crores) (April, 04 to September, 04)
Central	4.99	11.39
Eastern	4.10	4.61
East Central	3.47	5.53
East Coast	0.85	1.53
Northern	12.98	21.29
North Central	3.95	8.90
North Eastern	2.90	6.03
Northeast Frontier	1.08	2.58
North Western	1.67	3.12
Southern	1.78	3.76
South Central	4.62	9.29
South Eastern	1.45	2.63
South East Central	1.28	1.85
South Western	0.70	1.82
Western	6.21	10.83
West Central	2.05	4.75
Total	54.08	99.91